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EF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 3057, (B) CHARGE/HICKS ARA-LA/CEN TELCON
29 JUNE

1. I TOLD ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER RICARDO CASTANEDA THIS
AFTERNOON OF THE WONDERMENT IN WASHINGTON, BOTH IN
GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE, TO THE LACK OF ANY PUBLIC
RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR TO THE
WARNING BY THE WHITE WARRIORS UNION TO THE JESUITS TO
GET OUT OF EL SALVADOR WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OR BE KILLED. I
ASKED CASTANEDA WHAT THE REACTION OF THE GOES WAS TO THAT
WARNING AND WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE SOME SORT OF PUBLIC
STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT INDICATING ITS INTENTION TO
TAKE ACTION AGAINST SUCH TERRORISTS THREATS FROM THE RIGHT
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AS IT HAS AGAINST TERRORISTS THREATS FROM THE LEFT.
2. CASTANEDA SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION
IN EL SALVADOR, TALKED ABOUT HIS INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND
THE MILITARY, AND EMPHASIZED THEIR COMPLETE LACK OF
COMMUNICATIONS OR IDENTITY WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. AFTER
ASKING ME WHAT THE JESUITS WERE INDEED UP TO WE REVIEWED
THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE JESUIT

MOVEMENT FROM EARLIEST TIMES WITH THE PENDULUM SWINGS FROM EMPHASIS ON ETERNAL TO TEMPORAL CONCERNS AND THE VIRTUES OF LONG-SUFFERING TO CHARITY. WE CONCLUDED THAT THE JESUITS WITH THEIR SUPERB EDUCATION AND TRAINING WERE NOW CARRYING THE BANNER OF VATICAN TWO AND MEDELLIN WITH THE EMPHASIS ON THE TEMPORAL WELL-BEING OF THE FLOCK PUTTING THEM IN CONFLICT WITH THE MILITARY AND THEIR ALLIES, THE LANDED ELITE AND WEALTHY OF EL SALVADOR. THE IMPLICATION IN THE QUESTION WAS THAT PERHAPS THE JESUITS, AS THEY HAD DONE IN PAST HISTORY, WERE AGAIN CARRYING THINGS TOO FAR. CASTANEDA WAS HIGHLY PESSIMISTIC THAT THE GOES WOULD TAKE ANY STRONG POSITION AGAINST THE WHITE WARRIORS UNION AND BELIEVED IT WOULD NOT MAKE ANY SORT OF PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE WARNING TO THE JESUITS. HE EVEN HINTED HIS SUSPICION THAT ELEMENTS IN THE MILITARY MIGHT EVEN BE INVOLVED WITH THE WHITE WARRIORS UNION.

3. CASTANEDA IS LEAVING HIS OFFICE FRIDAY AND PLANS TO ENTER PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE BUT WILL CONTINUE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR A WHILE IN THE SO-CALLED "TECHNICAL COMMITTEE" WHICH HAD CONCERNED ITSELF IN THE PAST WITH THE HONDURAN ISSUE BUT HAS NOW EXPANDED INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO COVER SUCH THINGS AS RELATIONS WITH US AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. HE LEAVES THE OFFICE CONSIDERABLY DISILLUSIONED AND PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE AND SPOKE MORE FRANKLY TODAY IN THESE TERMS THAN EVER BEFORE. I ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL PASS ON
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TO THE PRESIDENCY THE MESSAGE I GAVE HIM. ALONG WITH THE APPROACH THAT THE DEFENSE ATTACHE IS MAKING TGV THE MIN DEF, PERHAPS THERE WILL BE A DECISION TO MAKE SOME PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. HOWEVER, SUCH ACTION WILL BE GREATLY INHIBITED DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS BY THE TOTAL ATTENTION PAID TO THE TRANSFER OF POWER ON 1 JULY AND ON THE RELATED CEREMONIAL AND SECURITY ASPECTS. WE WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON APPROACH TO DEF MIN.
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